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A COMMON STORY.

[Mary G. Crocker.] A careless word to the heart that loved her, A sharp rebuke at a fancied slight, A heart too proud to ask forgiveness When a single word would have set it right.

A bitter word to the heart he worshipped, A glance of scorn from his tender eyes— and two that loved as they love in Heaven, Were strangers to all love's min. stries.

A patient man, with his life and talents To easing the great world's sorrow given; And a hidden burden that no one guesses, Save the heart, the heart of love, in

A tender, quiet helpful woman, With a gift known only to God above; And singing songs from a heart that's broken-Songs sweet, O! piercingly sweet, of love.

An Armless Painter.

["H. H. A." in Chicago Tribune.] While on the subject of pictures, there are, of course, dozens of copyists in all the museums and large galleries, most of whom earn a very meagre living by disposing of their good, bad, or indifferent copies, as the case may be. In Antwerp the only one of these mechanical artists who has gained more than a bare subsistence is "Felix," a man born without hands or arms, but who uses his feet instead, and with such dexterity that he paints three pictures while the every-day young man whom nature has in no way distinguished, gets through two of the same size. Needless to say, Felix finds customers while better pictures than his

remain unsold at lower prices. There are too many, especially of the tourist order, who infinitely prefer a poor copy of the "Descent of the Cross, "regarding which they can say: "You see that | picture? Painted by who do you call 'em -I forget the name-some great gun of a painter; well, sir, this copy was painted by a man named Felix—a fellow without any arms-he done it, every inch of it, sir, with his feet. I seen him to work on it myself in one of them everlasting galleries, I don't remember which one, they're all alike to me. I don't take much stock in paintings, you know, but, by George! that fellow can do as good a picture with his feet as those big painters that make such a fuss over could d with their hands, and, as far as I can see, or J's just | Residence and Office, cor Richards & Beretania St as good as another. My daughter don't think so, but you know she's been to one of these here schools in New York. She don't take no stock in anything less it's 600 or 700 years old in the way of a picture.

It suits me, though. Yes, sir, painted it with his feet. I seen him do it." And so Felix, the armless artist of Antwerp, has through his ailliction made enough money to purchase the house he lives in, and could, if report be true, retire from his labors and live upon his income, while the better artist, his neighbor, in no way differing from the average brother in respect to legs and arms, starves under the shad-

Wheat by Evolution.

ows of the Sacred Tragedy'

[Scientific Journal.] Grant, a noted botanist, says wheat ganks by origin as a degenerated and de-graded lily. The primitive ancestor of the lily was a very simple plant, with a triple set of pollen-bearing stamens, fer-tilized by insects. It thus acquired those bright colors and that beauty which STATIONERS & NEWS DEALERS, givaled "Solomon in all his glory." The development was through the alesina and marsh arrowgrass and innume ble forms, until it reached the perfect lily.

The first downward step seems to have been self-fertilization taking the place of the insect aid. Afterwards the winds brought the varied fertilizing pollen dust, and so came the rushes—plain little lilies. with d , brownish flowers; then the wood rusher something between the true rush and tue grasses. The Euscaulon, a common American water plant, rushlike in character bridged over the gap between the rushes and the grasses, and then step by step the changes in the part of the flower cultivated in our wheat plant. With the wood rush commenced the habit of storing gluten and starch along with the embryo, which has made the cereal so valuable for human food and raised our wheat, the descendant of the lily, the queen of the floral world, to the rank of the prince of grains, bearing its princely sway upon all the golden harvest-fields of every civilized race and nation of the

Overreached Himself.

A man entered a hosiery store in Hartlepool, England, and asked to be shown "a few socks." When he learned the price per pair of woolen ones he put them aside, and said, "Aa'll keep on wearing cotton ones. They say if you wear leet alang-through winter and summer yer feet dissent get caud." Some cotton ones were handed out and he pursuaded the shopman to drop the price. He then said, "Aa can buy them in Middlesburrow "or half the money." "It doesn't seem possille," remarked the dealer; "will you swear to it?" "As will noo.'

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